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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 8,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. RE SAUDI ARABIA. COULD YOU TELL US WHAT IS THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AGREEMENT AND THE ONE PASSED OR
MADE BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AND THAT WERE
SO ROUNDLY CRITICIZED?

A. TO TAKE YOUR QUESTION ANOTHER WAY, THIS IS NOT WHAT IS
ENVISIONED HERE. WHAT IS ENVISIONED HERE WITH THE SAUDI
GOVERNMENT IS NOT AN OIL BARTER.

Q. ARE THE EUROPEANS WORRIED ABOUT THE DEAL TOO?

A. I CAN'T SAY HOW THEY'VE DESCRIBED -- I CAN'T CALL TO
MIND HOW THEY'VE DESCRIBED THEIR PLANS.

Q. THE EUROPEANS OFFERED A SIX-POINT PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC,
INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

A. ALL RIGHT. BUT I DID WANT TO CLARIFY THAT ONE POINT
BECAUSE THAT QUESTION DID COME UP ONCE BEFORE.

Q. I'M NOT SURE YOU CLARIFIED IT BECAUSE I ASKED YOU WHAT
THE DIFFERENCE IS.

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A. FOR ONE THING, OUR PLANS ARE NOT YET DETAILED. WE
DON'T HAVE THE EXACT MODALITIES FOR YOU TO ADDRESS THIS
POINT.

Q. ARE THE OTHERS PLANNING AN AGREEMENT IN DETAIL?

A. I CAN'T SAY. I'M NOT GOING TO BE IN A POSITION TO
SPEAK FOR THE EUROPEANS.

Q. CAN YOU SAY ON THIS POINT WHETHER THE UNITED STATES DID HAVE ANY CONSULTATION WITH ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES?

A. YES. WE WENT OVER THIS FRIDAY. IT'S IN THE RECORD.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THE REPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST THAT AN AMERICAN FIRM HAS SIGNED A FIRM COMMITMENT TO BUILD A MISSILE SYSTEM FOR SAUDI ARABIA?

A. NO; I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHEN PRINCE FAHD IS ARRIVING IN THIS COUNTRY?

A. I'M SORRY; NO, I CAN'T.

Q. THE GOVERNMENT IN KUWAIT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE GOING THERE DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. DO YOU KNOW WHEN HE'S GOING?

A. I THINK I DO, BUT LET'S LEAVE HIS SCHEDULE -- DETAILS FOR THE SCHEDULE -- FOR A LATER TIME HERE. END QUOTE. RUSH

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